Proposals from Animal Husbandry

†2305. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals from the Department of Animal Husbandry in Madhya Pradesh lying pending for approval with the different departments of Central Government for the last five years;

(b) the reasons for non-approval *i.e.* pendency of proposals; and

(c) by when proposals will be approved by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Support price for soyabean

†2306. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of soyabean purchased at support price in the year 1999 in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the farmers have complained about inadequate arrangement for purchase of soyabean at support price in Madhya Pradesh and some agitations have also taken place in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Central Government to purchase the whole quantity of soyabean of Madhya Pradesh at support price; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd. (NAFED) as a nodal agency of the Government of India, procured

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